

MYSTIC COOPERATIVE TASK GROUP
MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 25, 2013
B.F. HOXIE FIRE STATION
34 BROADWAY, MYSTIC

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Roper at 8:17 a.m.

Those in attendance were Mike Murphy, Rick Norris, Peter Roper (Town of Groton); Tricia Walsh (Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce); Ken Wilson (Mystic Seaport), Keith Sorensen (Mystic Aquarium); Sara Lathrop (Stonington); Bill Scheer (Mystic River Park Commission); Greg Smith (The Day); Joe Bragaw, Ed Habarek (Town of Stonington)

II. DISCUSSION OF MEETING SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 15, 2012

The minutes of October 15, 2012 were accepted, as written.

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Update on Mystic Streetscape Project Phases

Most of the work has been completed in Phase I. Phase II will include Mystic restrooms to Noank Road/Water Street. Roper asked if the same contractor that was used in Phase I will be used in Phase II. Staff discussed the project going out to bid once state approval is received. Tricia Walsh asked that parking members be reviewed.

Sara Lathrop inquired about delivery trucks driving on Water Street. Staff discussed a depressed area on sidewalk as a trade-off for this use.

Peter Roper inquired about bike racks at Bank Square. Staff asked if Mystic Community Bikes could use those across the street by Chelsea Groton Bank.

B. Update on Bridge Repair Project

Tricia Walsh reported on the 54 hour shut-down, rescheduled from Friday, March 1, 2013 to Monday, March 11, 2013. Staff reported that DOT says the schedule is very tight but they will still complete by April 15, 2013.

C. Other

1. Empty Businesses

Tricia Walsh would hope that the new Economic Development Specialist will help to fill the empty buildings; 5 businesses are currently empty. Tricia Walsh mentioned a possible ribbon cutting across the bridge in May.

Peter Roper reported that Mystic Community Bikes is having a fund raiser at the S & P Oyster House on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

Ed Habarek noted a bond package for street repair in Stonington is in place and stated that street repaving will begin after the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cottrell, Holmes, Broadway, Willow, Jackson, Lincoln will be included. Work is expected to finish by Memorial Day. The DOT is proposing to repave Route 27 in September and October. Aquarion Water will be replacing water lines down Bay Street to Route 27.

Habarek discussed the flooding issue on Church Street and Stonington is working with DOT and DEEP to formulate a plan.

Paving of Coogan Boulevard is also proposed on the bond. However, sidewalks will be done first and then paving.

Ed Habarek stated that economic development for Stonington will leverage Mystic name more.

St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, 2013.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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